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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 54 of the First Extraordinary Session By Godsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Mark Dingus and the Sullivan County Central High School girl's cross country team on winning their second consecutive Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state championship.

WHEREAS, to be successful at the demanding sport of cross country requires hard work, tough conditioning, tremendous physical endurance and the ability to work together closely as a team; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding Sullivan County Central High School girl's cross country team has demonstrated their proficiency in each of these important areas by winning their second consecutive Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state championship; and

WHEREAS, a true team effort, the squad's victory was the school's fourth state title in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team was expertly coached by **Mark Dingus**; and WHEREAS, this effort was particularly impressive because last year's standout, **Cindy Turner** had to sit out both the District and Regional tournaments with an injury; and

WHEREAS, **Ashley Vaughn**, who is only a sophomore, led the way with an exciting third-place individual finish, while **Lindsey Laughner** placed tenth, an outstanding accomplishment in itself; and

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WHEREAS, the remaining members of the team were: Rachel Gilbert, Crystal Burgess, Mikella Testerman, and Sarah McKinney; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to commemorate this fine team and their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coach Mark Dingus and the Sullivan Central High School girl's cross country team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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